

# Senate Bill 604

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## SUMMARY

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Requires Oregon Medical Board to establish database for purpose of providing to credentialing organizations information that is necessary to credential persons regulated by board.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to credentialing of health care practitioners.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 677.**

4 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "credentialing organization" means a hospital or**  
5 **other health care facility, physician organization, business organization or insurer that cre-**  
6 **dentials persons licensed under this chapter.**

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8 **(2) The Oregon Medical Board shall establish a database for the purpose of providing to**  
9 **a credentialing organization information that is necessary to credential a person licensed to**  
10 **practice medicine or podiatry or to be a physician assistant in this state.**

11 **(3)(a) Each person applying for a license to practice medicine or podiatry or to be a**  
12 **physician assistant in this state shall submit to the board information that the board deter-**  
13 **mines is necessary to credential the person. For purposes of administrating this subsection,**  
14 **the board shall, subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, prescribe the form and manner**  
15 **of submitting information under this subsection.**

16 **(b) For purposes of credentialing a person under this subsection, the board shall adopt**  
17 **the most current credentialing application form available in this state.**

18 **(4)(a) Each licensee applying to renew a license to practice medicine or podiatry or to be**  
19 **a physician assistant in this state shall submit to the board information that the board de-**  
20 **termines is necessary to recredential the licensee. For purposes of administrating this sub-**  
21 **section, the board shall, subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, prescribe the form and**  
22 **manner of submitting information under this subsection.**

23 **(b) For purposes of recredentialing a licensee under this subsection, the board shall adopt**  
24 **the most current credentialing application available in this state.**

25 **(5) At any time, a licensee may:**

26 **(a) Attest that all information related to the credentialing of the licensee is current; or**

27 **(b) Submit to the board information for the purpose of updating information related to**  
28 **the credentialing of the licensee. The board shall prescribe the form and manner of sub-**  
29 **mitting information under this subsection.**

30 **(6) The board shall keep and maintain all information submitted under subsections (3) to**  
31 **(5) of this section in a database of credentialing information. Information kept and main-**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 tained by the board under this section is exempt from public disclosure under ORS 192.410  
2 to 192.505.

3 (7) The board shall verify the accuracy of all information submitted to the board by an  
4 applicant or licensee under this section. The board shall verify a credential submitted to the  
5 board with the originating source of the credential.

6 (8) A credentialing organization shall request from the board, for verification, the cre-  
7 dentialing information of a licensee to be kept and maintained in the database and may use  
8 that credentialing information for the following:

9 (a) Granting or denying the application of a licensee to be affiliated with or to participate  
10 within the organization or the organization's network;

11 (b) Determining the competency or qualifications of the licensee;

12 (c) Determining the quality of service provided by the licensee;

13 (d) Determining whether to renew the licensee's affiliation with or participation within  
14 the organization or the organization's network;

15 (e) Evaluating the type and extent of the licensee's privileges; or

16 (f) Conditioning the licensee's activities.

17 (9)(a) The board may adopt by rule fees for:

18 (A) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, processing information submitted under  
19 subsections (3) to (5) of this section; and

20 (B) Providing information under subsection (7) of this section.

21 (b) Fees adopted under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection may not exceed the actual  
22 cost to the board of processing the information submitted under subsections (3) to (5) of this  
23 section.

24 (10) The board shall adopt rules for the administration of this section.

25 **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act become operative on January 1, 2016, or  
26 on the date that the Oregon Medical Board is in compliance with the credentialing require-  
27 ments of the Joint Commission, the National Committee for Quality Assurance or another  
28 organization that provides nationally recognized credentialing standards applicable to the  
29 board, whichever date is later.

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